(c) During the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, compensation paid to the victims of stone throwing and other hooliganism is as under:

Year	Amount of Compensation
1997-98	Nil
1998-99	Rs. 7,20,000/-
1999-2000 (upto Nov.)	Nil

Modern Safety System in Trains

1820. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have a plan to introduce a modern safety system on trains;

(b) if so, what is the total cost for introduction of this system in the entire Railway network; and

(c) how long it would take to make it functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Safety in trains operations is an ongoing and continuous process. The provision of safety systems and equipment are provided progressively depending upon the availability of funds.

The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired Judge of Supreme Court, in Part-I of their report has recommended provision of technical aids costing Rs. 2727 crores and renewal of assets costing Rs. 15000 crores. Besides other recommendations for which no financial repercussions have been given.

It has also been suggested by the Committee that Central Government should provide a one time grant to the Railways so that arrears in the renewal of vital safety equipment are wiped out within a fixed time frame.

Since the provision of safety equipment/system will depend upon the availability of funds, it has not been possibile to fix any time limit.